

INTIMATIONS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881.

SIXTH DRAWING.

NOTICE is hereby given that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at Hongkong on the 4th day of May, 1886, when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were to-day drawn at the Office of the Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. H. M. BEVINS, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

	1000 Bonds Nos.—
3	11 19 27 37 44 52
61	67 77 84 91 109 108
117	125 133 141 150 165 163
173	180 198 204 215 230 229
227	236 243 251 259 267 263
286	293 300 310 315 324 321
340	348 356 363 370 380 378
395	403 411 419 427 436 443
451	459 467 484 490 499 507
516	517 524 533 541 547 555
564	572 584 587 593 595 611
619	627 635 643 652 659 668
676	686 691 701 708 715 721
731	740 746 753 761 772 779
787	797 802 811 819 829 835
847	857 860 868 878 885 892
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1904	1917 1925 1933 1941
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THE DUTIES ON MALWA OPUM.

BOMBAY MEMORIAL TO THE VICEROY OF INDIA.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir FREDERICK TEMPLE HAMILTON-TEMPLE BLACKWOOD, EARL OF DURRER, K.P., G.C.B., G.M.S.I., P.C., ETC., ETC., Viceroy and Governor-General of India in Council.

The humble Memorial of his undersigned Opium Merchants of Bombay.

SEWERS.—That your memorialists are deeply interested in the trade in Malwa Opium, being to a great extent dependent on it, and they venture, therefore, to call the attention of your Excellency in Council to the present precarious position of this valuable trade in the hope that Government will recognize the importance of doing what is necessary to place it on a more assured basis.

2.—For some time past the price of Malwa Opium in Bombay has ranged from Rs. 1,150 to Rs. 1,100 per cwt, and after deducting therefrom the amount of Government duty, Rs. 650, and the expenses incurred in bringing the drug from the producing districts—which do not fall within the Native States to the extent of Rs. 100 per cwt, the revenue for the entire year only Rs. 450 or 400 per cwt, so that your memorialists humbly submit that this is not an adequate price.

3.—The trade between the producing districts and Bombay, and that between Bombay and China, are both being carried on under equally unfavourable circumstances, as the prices current here show a loss on the cost of the drug.

4.—The rates paid by the Chinese are again lower than those paid in Bombay, and we wonder not that this trade is mainly in the hands of large capitalists, its dimensions would inevitably have been much curtailed long ago.

5.—Hitherto your memorialists have been sustained by the hope of an improvement in the prices realized in China but from the over increasing production of indigenous drugs in that country, and the importation of opium on the part of the Imperial Chinese Government, continually received from both official and private sources, it is impossible any longer to indulge in vain anticipations of support from that quarter.

6.—The trade has further suffered since last year on account of the Chinese Government having raised the leikin on foreign Opium from Haikwan Taels 30.—to Rs. 80.—or say about Rs. 100 per cwt.

7.—A cask of Malwa Opium has now to pay to the Imperial Chinese Government as soon as it is landed on Chinese soil.

Customs duty..... H. Tls. 30

Lekin tax..... 80

Total H. Tls. 110, or currey Rs. 121—Rs. 363, against the equivalent of Rs. 180 levied formerly, while indigenous drugs pay only one-half of the above amount, it will thus be seen that your memorialists are to contend at one end the same rate with the Chinese, and at the other only one-half of the Chinese bill of lading—the increasing production of the indigenous drug, and a corresponding rise of the charges levied by the Chinese Government.

8.—Nor does this heavy and unequal impost free the foreign drug from further taxation, for on its arrival in the interior the consumers have to pay a fresh or local duty, the amount of which is regulated by the requirements of the native revenue authorities.

9.—From the native side, the amount of the case it is impossible to estimate, but it is said that the Jintang Minister to the Court of Peking will spend a considerable time at Tientsin, with Li Hung-chang, in hopes to strengthen the talk of Triple Alliance, which was arranged in September last between Li, Sir Robert, and Admiral Esmont, but more especially in regard to Kuan-fai.

10.—The young Emperor Kwang Siu is said to be a young man of much promise, and the wall built up for China has been completed, and with a view to the opening of the Suez Canal, for Valparaiso—4 cases silk, and 2 cases merchandise. For Chicago—3 cases silk, and 1 case merchandise. For Chekiang—100 packages tea. For Boston—186 packages tea. For New York—202 packages tea, and 20 bales raw silk.

11.—Your memorialists consider that such a concession on the part of Government is necessary to rescue the trade from its impending death by inaction, and a Government is also largely interested in keeping this trade alive, your memorialists venture to hope that their prayer will be granted.

And your memorialists, in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

D. S. SASSON & CO.

E. D. SASSON & CO.

JAHAKHOU PEEBHOY.

CUMKIMBOY EBRAHIM.

CURSEYER BOMANEE & CO.

E. J. ABBEY.

N. J. ABBEY.

SASSON J. DAVID & CO.

(And many others.)

Bombay, 29th March, 1886.

BRIGANDAGE IN CHEKIANG.

MING-PO, 26th April.

For a considerable time past certain districts of the Tai-chow prefecture have been harassed by bands of robbers, who, when detected, at times rendered travel so unsafe that upon certain roads business has sometimes been entirely interrupted. Last has been the brigandage of July 1, a collision took place between a band of robbers and some soldiers at a large village, Bah-shui, about fifteen miles to the westward of Tai-chow. In its first encounter, the soldiers were repulsed, and a number of them, including the other soldiers, were killed. It was reported that a formidable insurrection had broken out. Great alarm prevailed in the city of Tai-chow, the gates were closed every evening before sunset, and a large number of the citizens were told off every night to assist the military in guarding the city walls.

The robbers after the retreat of the soldiers, plundered and searched houses at Bah-shui, and then, having taken the district city of Jin-kiu, about 30 miles west of Tai-chow, on their way they broke some of the granaries and disposed of their contents to the villagers. A large force in the meantime was despatched from Tai-chow and reached the city of Jin-kiu. The rumor got abroad in the city that the soldiers were robbers in disguise, who had got in and were preparing to plunder the city. Considerable alarm prevailed for a time. The following day a large band of robbers made an attack on one of the cities by the south gate, but were repelled by the soldiers who appeared but caused so much alarm to the people on the previous day. On the day following, band of soldiers were sent out in various directions and succeeded in dispersing, and capturing a few of the robbers. The soldiers, after their victory, had cleared out of that district. It is said that the robbers or those supposed to be robbers were headed about the end of last year. The same district being infested by a band of robbers, a body of troops had been sent against them but were worsted and lost a few of their number. Eventually the authorities succeeded in capturing the band of the gang and a few others. The going has been, for the last few months, comparatively quiet. However, other districts have been the scene of frequent occurrences, more especially in the eastern part of the prefecture between the city of Tai-chow and the east. About a month ago the authorities received information from a spy who had formerly been a robber chief but had been paroled and employed as a soldier on condition that he assisted others to justice, that the robbers had taken shelter in a temple, a little way off the city of Tai-chow, about fifteen miles from the city. The spy reported that the robbers were headed about the end of last year. 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